

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 13 is a schematic cross-sectional plan view of the commutator segment and the metal base plate shown in Figs. 11 and 12 fixed in a unit;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 14 is an enlarged schematic view of a portion of a commutator segment and a metal base plate of a commutator according to a fourth embodiment of the invention; and

Fig. 15 is a cross sectional view of a plane commutator according to the first embodiment of the invention, showing, inter alia, a plurality of commutator segments.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A plane commutator of a fuel pump motor according to a first embodiment of the invention is described with reference to Figs. 1 - 3 and 15. The commutator is comprised of a plurality of commutator segments 1, a plurality of metal base plate 2 and a boss member 3.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows.

2. (Amended) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 14, wherein each said metal base plate includes a dent for accommodating shaved powder formed when said projection of each said commutator segment is fitted to said engagement hole.

3. (Amended) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 14, wherein each said engagement hole has an corner edge for shaving an outer periphery of one of said projections.

4. (Amended) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 3, wherein said corner edge has a curved surface whose radius is less than 0.2 mm.

5. (Amended) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 14, wherein said projection has a tapering portion at an edge thereof.

6. (Amended) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 14, wherein each said plurality of commutator segments comprises a commutator surface portion providing said commutator surface and a commutator base portion providing said projection, and

said commutator base portion has lower electric resistance than said commutator surface portion.

7. (Amended) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 6, wherein said commutator base portion includes metal powder.

Please add the following new claims.

--14. (New) A plane commutator including a plurality of commutator segments providing a flat commutator surface, a plurality of metal base plates, a resinous boss member for holding said commutator segments and said metal base plates;

wherein each of said commutator segments comprises a commutator surface portion for forming a portion of said flat commutator surface at one end thereof, a base portion and a projection projecting from the center of said base portion;

wherein each of said metal base plates has an engagement hole to which said projection is fitted and a terminal portion extending along an outer periphery of said boss member; and

wherein said base portion has a groove for holding powder that comes off said projection around said projection.

15. (New) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 14, wherein said groove is a ring-shaped groove.

16. (New) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 14, wherein said groove is formed at a surface of said base portion opposite said metal base plate.

17. (New) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 14, wherein said engagement hole has a dent on a side adjacent said base portion.

18. (New) The plane commutator as claimed in claim 2, wherein the metal base plate is a metal press-formed plate.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 2-18 are pending in this application. However, claims 8-13 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current Amendment. The attached is captioned **“Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.”**

Title:

The title was objected to as allegedly not being descriptive. A new title has been provided which is indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objection to the title be withdrawn.